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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 listing 40 references; and
3. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 25436/2274. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, to serial number 10/262,994, and all references cited in the parent applications should be considered by the Examiner. Under MPEP § 609, no copies of these references need be provided. The attached Form 1449 lists these references so the references should be printed on the patent.

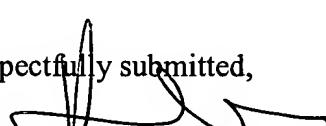
Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(b)(3), because this Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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	4,365,665	December 28, 1982	Nakamura	165	80 B	March 20, 1981
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	5,255,976	October 26, 1993	Connelly	374	31	July 10, 1992
	5,333,675	August 2, 1994	Mullis, et al.	165	12	February 22, 1993
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	JP 09-322755	December 16, 1997	Japan	C12 M	1/00		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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**Copies of references not provided at the time of this submission.	